

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

**The Ears of Love.**  
They said that Love was blind,—alack!  
Then strung the lute with heartstrings  
soft with tears;  
And Love was blind, but thoughtless  
man and maid  
Forgot that Love had ears.  
They said that Love was blind and let  
him play  
With apple blossoms sifted through the  
years;  
And now each kindred petal in the spring  
Breathes what Love hears.  
—VIRGINIA FRAZER BOYLE.

## Miss Feild's Debut.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis H. Feild, of No. 21 East Drive E. road, introduced their sister, Miss Jean Feild, to the Richmond society at one of the most elegant receptions of the season, given yesterday afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock.  
The party were beautifully decorated with palms and white roses, making a lovely setting for the charming young debutante. In the dining-room Christmas trees and ground pine was used, with glowing American Beauties.  
Mrs. Feild received with Miss Feild, Miss Lela Blair, Mrs. Hamilton Feild, Mrs. William A. Anderson, Miss Anna Robertson, Miss Eliza Harvey, Miss Howard Hope and Miss Janine Moore.  
In the evening from 8 to 11 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Blair entertained in honor of Miss Feild's young unmarried friends. Among the guests were Mrs. Blair and Miss Feild were Miss Lela Blair, Miss Rosalie Jones and Miss Henningham Elliott. Miss Feild was at the punch bowl.  
Miss Feild, who is spending the winter to Richmond with her sister, was educated at "Suttons" in the Mabel Cartwright School in Charleston, Va., and is a young lady of very charming personality.

## In Honor of Miss Withers.

Mrs. Robert Richmond Roberts, of No. 74 South Third Street, has issued cards for a reception to be given Wednesday afternoon, December 20th, from 3 to 7 o'clock, in honor of Miss Withers, of Wytheville, Va., who is her guest.  
Miss Withers is a daughter of former United States Senator Robert Withers, and her home at Wytheville, is a synonym for the most delightful hospitality. She is a sister of Mrs. Stephen Frazier.

## Mrs. Long to Entertain.

Mrs. William Gaines Long has issued invitations for a reception to be given in her home, No. 211 Grove Avenue, Monday afternoon, from 4 to 6 o'clock. She will entertain in honor of her sister, Miss Anna Louise Long, of St. Louis, Mo.

## Tate—McGhee.

A marriage of great interest to friends throughout Virginia was celebrated Wednesday last at high noon, in "Richmond," the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Tate, McGhee, near Bedford City, Va., when their daughter, Mary Lucy, became the bride of Mr. James Henry Tate, a former resident of Bedford City, but now a popular business man of Richmond.

At the appointed hour the bride and groom entered the drawing-room to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, skillfully rendered by Miss James Van Boy. They took their places before the improvised altar and under a canopy of green, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. S. J. Patton. During the ceremony the pianist played very softly "O. Thou Sublime and Evening Star."

The bride wore a stylish going-away gown of broadcloth, and carried Bride roses.  
Immediately after the ceremony, luncheon was served in the dining-room where beautiful decorations were in white and green.

The numerous presents were beautiful and handsome, the groom's gift to the bride being a handsome diamond brooch.  
The out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. B. B. McPherson, of Roanoke; Mrs. Robert McGhee, of Roanoke; Mrs. H. A. Rice, of Montvale, Va.; Miss Louise Tate, of Chatham, Mr. J. W. Tate, of Richmond, and Mr. H. L. Frazer, of Lynchburg, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Tate left for an extended Northern tour, and will be at home to their friends after January 1st, at No. 121 Church Street, Lynchburg, Va.

## A Tourist's Trip.

Personal and unique in every way will be the entertainment entitled "A Tourist's Trip Around the World" to be given today by the "Globe" Chapter, of the Guild of the Church of the Covenant.  
The trip will be made in automobiles in charge of the courteous chauffeurs under the supervision of Mr. B. A. Blount, and will include stops in Japan, Germany and America. Each nation will display suitable wares, and young ladies in costume will preside at the tables.  
The first train will leave the residence of Mr. Stuart MacLean, No. 40 West Grace Street, at 2 P. M., and will be run at half-hour intervals throughout the afternoon and evening.

The affair is in charge of the "Winter Workers' Needle Society," and the ladies hope to realize a goodly sum.

## University Club Here.

The announcement that the Executive Club of the University of Virginia will make Richmond a stopping place on its February tour, will be received with much interest by society matrons and maidens.  
The Americans are always greeted

## J.B. Mosby &amp; Co.

## Umbrellas for Holiday Gifts.

Monogram or Initial Engraved Free of Charge.

Ladies' 26-inch Close-Rolling Guaranteed Silk Umbrellas, handles of silver, pearl, gunmetal, burnt ivory, gold and silver; prices, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00 to \$25.00.  
Gentlemen's 28-inch Close-Rolling Guaranteed Silk Umbrellas, handles of silver, horn, buck, leather and ivory, \$3.50, \$5.00 to \$20.00.

## Poems You Ought to Know.

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Eliot Norton.

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## The Joys of Fowling

OLD SONG.

Of all the joys that sporting yields,  
Give me to beat the stubble-fields  
Quite early in September:  
A brace of pointers, staunch and true,  
A gun that kills whatever I view,  
I care not whether old or new,  
Are things one must remember.

Old Ponto makes a famous point,  
As marble stiff, in every joint.  
I cautiously proceed,  
When quickly up the covert fly—  
Bang! bang!—both barrels then I try—  
And let a brace before me die,  
The shooter's richest deed.

If hares I want for friends in town,  
I can tell where to knock them down  
Within the furze-bush cover.  
A leash I bar, then homeward go,  
My spirits all in joyous flow,  
And more delight, I'm sure, I know,  
Than doth a beauty's lover.

In wintry woods, when leaves are dead,  
And hedges beam with berries red,  
The pheasant is my spoil.  
Fenced with high gaiters out I go,  
And beat through tangled bushes low;  
Each joy of mine my spaniels know,  
Though wand'ring many a mile.

At night return'd, my bag well fill'd,  
Perchance four brace of pheasants kill'd,  
I sit me down in peace,  
And envy not ambition's cares,  
Nor e'en the crown a monarch wears,  
Such joys as mine he seldom shares—  
Oh! may that joy ne'er cease.

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with much pleasure when the play in Richmond, and the members of the circle are the objects of much social attention.

"The club this year is rehearsing a comedy entitled 'The Visiting Girl,' by Mr. N. G. Henshaw, an alumnus of the University. The fact that the club will be in Richmond on February 12th, going from here to Petersburg and Norfolk, and later on a Western tour.

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## WILL TURN THEM OUT BETTER MEN

Important Work Being Done at State Farm by Mr. Wiley and Others.

## SCENES IN PRISON LIFE

Influence Reverse of Good In Many Cases, Secretary of Association Declares.

Mr. George H. Wiley, secretary of the State Prisoners' Association of Virginia, speaks of his work among the prisoners at the State Farm at Leesiter, with great enthusiasm. He is a firm believer in the legend that in every man's soul there burns some spark of good, and, having faith in this, he goes about his task of reformation with such a display of trust in the man as is leading up to a time when many have gone forth from the gray walls better for his teaching. Mr. Wiley is exceedingly devoted to his work, and has many interesting things to say in connection with it. In speaking of it yesterday, he said:

"The State Farm at Leesiter, Va., is a place that comparatively few Virginians know anything about, but an institution that every one of them might well be proud of. I have been going there once a week for the past nine months, with the doors open and the bars down to me, for there is no attempt or reason to hide anything there, and I do not hesitate to say that from every point of view its conduct is ideal."

"There is a splendid mingling of firmness and kindness and conscience, on the part of those in authority, in their dealings with the prisoners."

**The Prison Influence.**  
"The man whose personality is felt everywhere and seen in every direction in this place of such complicated affairs, whether you look in the poultry yard, with its thousands of young chickens at one time, or the great drove of fine milk cows, or at the sheep in the pasture, or at the lumber and firewood which daily come to Richmond merchants, or whether you go in an entirely different direction and visit the convalescent in their new and comfortable winter tents, or to the whipping post, where occasionally—very occasionally—a man is punished; in whatever direction you look the good sense, the excellent administrative ability, the kind firmness and conscience of the superintendent, Mr. T. J. Davis, is manifest."

"I have never known the question of the moral or spiritual or material betterment of prisoners or ex-prisoners to be raised that he did not receive deep interest and readiness to co-operate for such end."

"Those who have had opportunity to know will bear me out in the statement that there are penal institutions in Virginia, where a prisoner will come out worse than he goes in, if it is possible to make him worse. This is not likely to be the case at Leesiter."

"My advice is let your relative go there rather than to some of our jails, even if he is considered more disgraced. He will certainly not spend all of his time in playing cards, telling vile stories and learning new strings of oaths, not to mention the 'free for nothing' schooling in the latest way to crack a bank, or pull a shutter. He had better wear blacker stripes in his clothes while he is there than to come out with his heart and mind blackened from the daily commission of the more vicious. What can be worse than to shut a man—a first offense man—up every minute, day and night, in a cell with a score of men who have been in prison times in jail?"

"If, in Governor Sweeney's view, the prison is intended to protect society, punish the prisoner for violation of law, and best and most important, to reform the prisoner, I declare, after twenty years of observation in such matters, that the reformer is being done in some of our Virginia prisons."

**What is Done There.**  
"I do not see why a man should not be turned out at the State Farm, with this last and most important work of the prison having been accomplished."

"As this institution belongs to the public, it will not be presumptuous to suppose that I, as reader, will be interested to know what is done in their daily lives. I go with some helper or helpers each Sunday at 10:30 over the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad to Leesiter, 27 miles from Richmond, and then go from one tent and room to another to visit the sick and dying, to tell of a Christ who says, 'I was in prison,' etc. You are too busy to go, but you can pray for those who do go. No work to me was ever more interesting or more hopeful. This is not strange as it may seem, since where sin abounded grace hath much more abounded."

**Military Orders Issued.**  
The official circular from the Adjutant-General's office, concerning the following ranks and names, a synopsis of which was given by Mr. Wiley in his address yesterday, and is in the hands of most of the officers of the military companies throughout the State.

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